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SMALL URBAN DEVELOPMENT GRANTS ANNOUNCED

Western U.P. Communities to receive \$4 million in transportation funding

(Lansing)—State Senator Mike Prusi (D-Ishpeming) today announced ten communities in the Western Upper Peninsula will be receiving \$4 million in federal transportation project funds for 2006 and 2007 enhancements. The grants are dispersed through the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) for road improvements and transit projects in small urban areas with a population base of 5,000 to 50,000. Areas receiving federal dollars must provide a 20 percent match in funds.

“Continued investment in local infrastructure is key to our economic viability as a state,” said Sen. Prusi. “I look forward to continued work with Governor Granholm and MDOT in providing communities the tools they need to attract and retain good paying jobs.”

The Small Urban Program is an approach unique to Michigan. MDOT initiated the program in 1991 in an effort to invest federal dollars in small urban communities in Michigan. To be eligible for funding, projects must be within the federal aid urban area boundary, located on the federal-aid highway system, and consistent with regional land use and development plans.

In total, 44 small urban areas throughout Michigan will be receiving a total of \$15 million. The following are local projects being awarded grants in 2006 and 2007:

Delta County

Escanaba (2006)—\$375,000 will be awarded for the improvement and expansion of 6th Avenue from North Lincoln Road to North 30th Street. The total cost of the project will be \$965,000.

Escanaba (2007)—\$375,000 will be awarded for the resurfacing of North 30th Street from US-2/41 to Danforth Road. The total cost of the project will be \$575,000.

Gladstone (2007)—\$236,000 will be awarded for the resurfacing of North Bluff Drive from Braves Avenue to City Sports Park and Minneapolis Avenue from 7th to 13th and 15th to 18th. The total cost of the projects will be \$295,000.

Dickinson County

Iron Mountain (2007)—\$345,000 will be awarded for the resurfacing of Park Street, Prospect Street, and East-West H Street throughout the city. The total cost of the project will be \$429,000.

Kingsford (2007)—\$343,000 will be awarded for the resurfacing of Breitung Avenue from Dorland to Garfield. The total cost of the project will be \$428,780.

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Gogebic County

Ironwood (2006)—\$375,000 will be awarded for the reconstruction of .46 miles of Lowell Street. The total cost of the project will be \$592,630.

Houghton County

Houghton (2006)—\$359,000 will be awarded for the resurfacing of Houghton Avenue (citywide), Elevation Street (North Lincoln to Campus Drive), and Main Street (Hildebrant to Second). Additionally, \$16,000 will be awarded for garage repairs and maintenance equipment for Houghton Transit. The combined cost of all projects will be over \$1 million.

Laurium (2006)—\$375,000 will be awarded for the resurfacing of Isle Royal Street from Third to Lake Linden Avenue. The total cost of the project will be \$469,000.

Marquette County

Marquette (2006)—\$375,000 will be awarded for the reconstruction of Fourth Street from College to Prospect. The total cost of the project will be \$862,950.

Ishpeming (2007)—\$375,000 will be awarded for the resurfacing of Pine Street from Division to west city limits. The total cost of the project will be \$500,000.

Menominee County

Menominee (2007)—\$375,000 will be awarded for the resurfacing of 1st (4th to 10th), 10th (6th to 10th), 18th (15th to 23rd), and 38th (10th to 13th). The total cost will be \$467,000.

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Mike Prusi serves as Democratic Vice Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee. He represents the 38th Senate District, which includes 13 of the 15 Upper Peninsula counties.

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